

### **REMARKS**

Claims 3-6, 13-19, 21-23, 28-34, 37-40, 46-52, 55-58, 65-72, 75-78, 85-91, 94-97, 104-111, 114-117, 124-130, 133-136, 143-150, 153-156, and 163-170 are now pending in the application. Claims 1-2, 7-12, 20, 24-27, 35-36, 41-45, 53-54, 59-64, 73-74, 79-84, 92-93, 98-103, 112-113, 118-123, 131-132, 137-142, 151-152, 157-162, and 171 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice to the subject matter contained therein. While Applicant disagrees with the current rejections, Applicant has amended the claims to expedite prosecution. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the claims as originally filed in one or more continuing applications. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

### **CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Applicant has amended the claims according to the Examiner's suggestions to overcome the objections to the claims.

### **REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 AND 103**

Claims 1 and 35 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA). Claims 20, 53, 73, 92, 112, 131 and 151 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art (AAPA) in view of Heaton (U.S. Pat. No. 5,922,052). Claim 171 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the applicant's admitted prior art

(AAPA) in view of Kalkunte et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,784,375) and further in view of Abler et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,504,851). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Although Applicant disagrees with the current rejections, claims 1, 20, 35, 53, 73, 92, 112, 131, 151, and 171 are cancelled merely to facilitate prosecution.

**ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

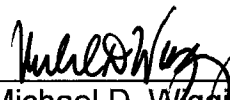
The Examiner states that claims 13-19, 28-34, 46-52, 65-72, 85-91, 104-111, 124-130, 143-150, and 163-170 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 13, 28, 46, 65, 85, 104, 124, 143, and 163 to include the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, these claims, as well as their corresponding dependent claims, should now be in condition for allowance.

## CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action and the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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